

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: James D. Ballew, et al.  
Serial No.: 10/825,539  
Filing Date: April 15, 2004  
Group Art Unit: 2451  
Confirmation No.: 8244  
Examiner: Joseph L. Greene  
Title: *SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CLUSTER MANAGEMENT  
BASED ON HPC ARCHITECTURE*

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**Amendment**

In response to the Advisory Action dated March 11, 2009 and the Final Office Action dated November 13, 2008, Applicants respectfully request continued examination to allow the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the amendments and comments set forth below.